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\$22,040 Settlement Reached With Coherent, Inc.

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a \$22,040 settlement with Coherent, Inc. (Coherent), for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 2301 Lindberg Street in Auburn, Placer County.

Under terms of a Consent Order (Order), signed and effective on December 21, 2004, Coherent will pay a total penalty of \$22,040 to DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Coherent/COHERENT_ENF_CO.pdf

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during an inspection at the facility on April 28, 2004. The violations noted were for:

- Accumulating seven 55-gallon drums and two 30-gallon drums of hazardous waste for greater than 90 days without proper authorization from DTSC
- Evaporation of remaining liquid in 13 two-gallon bottles of acetone, constituting treatment without authorization from DTSC
- Failure to properly label two drums and one container of hazardous waste
- Failure to re-assess the Conditionally Authorized tank for its integrity within the last five years

Coherent has corrected the violations found during the inspection.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.